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1. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL VIEWS FROM TICKELL ON US/ UK/ FRG CONSULTATIONS ON MBFR MAY BE HELPFUL TO DEPARTMENT IN CONSIDERING TIME AND PLACE.
2. BRITISH INFORM US THAT GERMANS NOW AGREE THAT TRIPARTITE TALKS SHOULD BE HELD AFTER US TEAM HAS MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS. THIS REMAINS BRITISH PREFERENCE. BRITISH THINK THAT TALKS SHOULD DEFINITELY NOT BE IN BRUSSELS; TICKELL SAID THAT THEY SHOULD OF COURSE BE DISCREET AND INCONSPICUOUS. THIS MEANS TO BRITISH THAT THEY SHOULD BE HELD IN LOCATION OTHER THAN BRUSSELS. LIKE ROTH (BONN 6260) TICKELL THINKS THAT TRIPARTITE TALKS SHOULD AIM AT DECIDING WHAT WE WANT TO SEE COME OUT OF NAC MINISTERIAL ON MBFR.
3. AS TO TIMING TICKELL REITERATED BRITISH PREFERENCE FOR MEETING ON MAY 21 IN LONDON. HE SAID THAT A MUCH LATER DATE WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR BRITISH IN VIEW OF HEAVY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS, E. G. BILATERALS, EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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